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2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 11-23983, published January 29, 1999 together with an English language abstract; and
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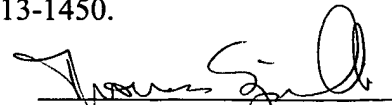
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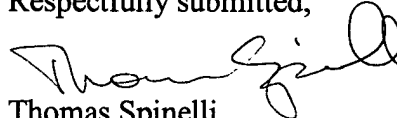
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